

20th Sunday after Pentecost – 2026

Saturday, 10/10 at 4:00 | Sunday, 10/11 at 9:00

Four Adult Confirmations



Text: Isaiah 25:6-9 NAS 2020

Introduction: Dear friends: Our God and the Bible can seem complicated. Therefore, today, let's keep things simple. We will make a broad sweep of time and eternity and focus on **Isaiah 25:6-9**.

1. **Creation and Fall** (**Genesis 1-3**): God created a wonderful world, but, sadly, the disobedience of the first people resulted in suffering and death.
2. **Salvation Promised** (**Genesis 3:15**): On the same day as the fall, God promised that a future descendant of the woman would defeat the devil.

3. **The OT Era:** For all who trusted in the Promised Descendant, *the Messiah*, they were saved – by grace (God's Riches At Christ's Expense) through faith (Forsaking All I Trust Him).
4. **The Work of the Christ:** The Son of God †put on flesh, †lived as our sinless substitute, †bore our sin and punishment, and †laid down His life. Now Jesus ☺is risen from the dead, ☺is reigning from heaven, and ☺will soon return to earth.
5. **The NT Era:**
 - a. The Holy Spirit is working through the Bible to call all people to ♠repent (have godly sorrow) and ♠trust in Jesus alone for eternal life.
 - b. To the unsaved world, Christians ☹appear foolish and ☹are major targets of persecution.
 - c. For Christians, they know ☺the Bible is true, ☺their sins are forgiven, and ☺Jesus will return.
6. **A Summary of Isaiah Chapters 24 and 25:**
 - a. **Isaiah 24 — Final judgment:** God will judge ♠sinful humanity and ♠the rebellious powers of this world.

- b. **Isaiah 25:1–5 — God's victory:** God's people will praise Him because He has **defeated** His enemies and **been** a refuge for His people.
- c. **Isaiah 25:6–8 — Final salvation:** God will:
- i. **➡prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples** – ***everyone*** is ***now*** being invited!
 - ii. **➡destroy the covering... over all peoples.**
 1. What is the covering?
 - a. It's **physical** – *pain, suffering, and death.*
 - b. It's also **spiritual** – *blindness and ignorance.*
 2. What did Paul write on the topic?

“...the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ...then will come about the saying that is written, ‘DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.’ ...The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:52, 54, 56-57).

iii. ➡ **wipe tears away from all faces** – now we experience sadness:

1. Separation – due to distance.
2. Separation – due to death.
3. Family / Friends without Jesus.

But all tears will end when Jesus comes!

iv. ➡ **remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth** – Now, Christians appear foolish *for trusting in a Jewish man who died on a cross*. But in the end, **disgrace** will be replaced with **respect**.

d. **Isaiah 25:9** — **The response of faith: Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us** – As disciples of Jesus:

- i. We are currently believing, following, growing, loving, serving, and multiplying.
- ii. We are also looking forward to **Jesus' return**, which will include ❤️ abundance, ❤️ fellowship, ❤️ celebration, and the ❤️ fullness of eternal life!

Let Us Pray: Dear LORD, we are blessed now and look forward to eternity! Please keep us in Christ and bring our loved ones to join us in Your kingdom!

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